

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1. A polymeric film bag, comprising:  
a first panel and a second panel joined to each other along a pair of opposing sides and a bottom bridging the opposing sides, the first and second panels each having an original width; and  
at least a first narrowing seal extending inwardly and downwardly from near or at one of the pair of opposing sides, the first narrowing seal sealing the first panel to the second panel such that a second width of the first and second panels is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second panels.
  2. The polymeric film bag of claim 1, further comprising a second narrowing seal extending inwardly from near or at the other of the pair of opposing sides.
  3. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom in a direction generally parallel to the pair of opposing sides.
  4. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller toward the bottom.
  5. The bag of claim 4, wherein the second width is about 21 inches and gradually decreases to about 20 inches toward the bottom edges.
  6. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first narrowing seal initially extends from the pair of opposing sides and extends generally downward, before extending back to one of the pair of opposing sides.
  7. The bag of claim 6, wherein the first narrowing seal is arcuate or triangular in shape.
  8. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first narrowing seal is formed by heat sealing the first and second panels.

9 The bag of claim 1, wherein the first narrowing seal is formed by adhering the first and second panels.

10. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first and second panels are formed from an integral folded single sheet of polymer.

11. The bag of claim 1, wherein the bottom of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

12. The bag of claim 1, wherein one of the pair of opposing sides of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

13. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first and second panels are formed from two separate polymeric sheets.

14. The bag of claim 1, wherein the first width is about 24 inches.

15. The bag of claim 1, wherein the second width is about 21 inches.

16. A method of forming a polymeric film bag, comprising:  
providing a polymeric sheet having a length and an original width;  
folding the sheet to form a first and second panel with a straight folded bottom;  
joining the first and second panels to create an open top;  
sealing the first and second panels to create side seals; and  
forming a first narrowing seal extending inwardly and downwardly from near or  
at one of the side seals, the first narrowing seal disposed such that a  
second width of the first and second panels is created that is smaller  
than the original width of the polymeric sheet.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising forming a second narrowing seal extending inwardly from near or at the other of the side seals.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the first and second narrowing seals begin a distance from the top and extend toward the bottom.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the first and second narrowing seals extend generally parallel to the side seals.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the distance between the first and second narrowing seals becomes smaller towards the bottom.

21. The method of claim 17, wherein forming the first and second narrowing seals includes forming the first and second narrowing seals at the side seals, extending the narrowing seals inwardly from the side seals, and extending the narrowing seals back to the side seals.

22. The method of claim 17, wherein the narrowing seals are generally arcuate or triangular in shape.

23. A method of forming a polymeric bag, comprising:  
 providing first and second polymeric panels, each having a length and an original width;  
 sealing the first and second panels along the respective lengths and along a bottom of the first and second panels, so as to form a closed bottom, closed sides, and an open top; and  
 forming a first narrowing seal extending inwardly and downwardly from near or at one of the sides, the first narrowing seal disposed such that a second width of the first and second panels is created that is smaller than the original width of the first and second polymeric panels.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising forming a second narrowing seal extending inwardly from near or at the other of the sides.

25. The method of claim 24, wherein the first and second narrowing seals begin a distance from the top and extend toward the bottom.

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26. The method of claim 24, wherein the first and second narrowing seals extend generally parallel to the sides.

27. The method of claim 24, wherein the distance between the first and second narrowing seals becomes smaller towards the bottom.

28. The method of claim 24, wherein forming the first and second narrowing seals includes forming the first and second narrowing seals at the sides, extending the narrowing seals inwardly from the sides, and extending the narrowing seals back to the sides.

29. A polymeric film bag, comprising:

a first layer and a second layer each having an original width and a length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing bag sides and a straight bottom;

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and second narrowing seals extending inwardly from near or at the side edges and extending down toward the straight bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller towards the straight bottom.

30. A polymeric film bag, comprising:

a first layer and a second layer each having an original width and a length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing bag sides and a straight bottom;

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and second narrowing seals initially

10 extending from said bag sides and extending generally downwardly  
before extending back to said bag sides.

31. A polymeric film bag and container in combination, comprising:  
said container having a fixed shape frame and a bag engaging periphery; and  
said bag comprising:

5 a first panel and a second panel joined to each other along a pair of  
opposing sides and a bottom bridging the opposing sides, the  
first and second panels each having an original width; and  
at least a first narrowing seal extending inwardly and downwardly from  
near or at one of the pair of opposing sides, the first narrowing  
seal sealing the first panel to the second panel such that a  
10 second width of the first and second panels is created that is  
smaller than the original widths of the first and second panels.

32. The polymeric film bag of claim 31, further comprising a second narrowing seal  
extending inwardly from near or at the other of the pair of opposing sides.

33. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first narrowing seal further extends toward  
the bottom in a direction generally parallel to the pair of opposing sides.

34. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first narrowing seal further extends toward  
the bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller toward the bottom.

35. The bag of claim 34, wherein the second width is about 21 inches and gradually  
decreases to about 20 inches toward the bottom edges.

36. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first narrowing seal initially extends from the  
pair of opposing sides and extends generally downward, before extending back to one  
of the pair of opposing sides.

37. The bag of claim 36, wherein the first narrowing seal is arcuate or triangular in  
shape.

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38. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first narrowing seal is formed by heat sealing the first and second panels.

39. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first narrowing seal is formed by adhering the first and second panels.

40. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first and second panels are formed from an integral folded single sheet of polymer.

41. The bag of claim 31, wherein the bottom of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

42. The bag of claim 31, wherein one of the pair of opposing sides of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

43. The bag of claim 31, wherein the first and second panels are formed from two separate polymeric sheets.

44. A polymeric film bag and container in combination, comprising:  
said container having a fixed shaped frame and a bag engaging periphery; and  
said bag comprising:

a first layer and a second layer each having an original width and a  
length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing  
bag sides and a straight bottom;

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the  
first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second  
width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than  
the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and  
second narrowing seals extending inwardly from near or at the  
side edges and extending down toward the straight bottom, such  
that the second width becomes smaller toward the straight  
bottom.

45. A polymeric film bag and container in combination, comprising:  
said container having a fixed shape frame and a bag engaging periphery; and  
said bag comprising:

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length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing  
bag sides and a straight bottom;

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

10 a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the  
first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second  
width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than  
the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and  
second narrowing seals initially extending from said bag sides  
and extending generally downwardly before extending back to  
said bag sides.